CHAPTER 3

FIRE FROM HEAVEN

GEN 13

BRANDON CHOI

J. SCOTT CAMPBELL

ALEX GARNER

WELCOME TO GAMORRA.

PRESENTLY, THE SITE OF A BATTLE ROYALE!

BY THE AUTHORITY OF *STORMWATCH*, SURRENDER OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCES!

THOOM

WATCH OUT, Mr. CASH!

THANKS, KID, BUT JUST CALL ME COLE.

BUT YOU'RE *OLD* ENOUGH TO BE MY --

MY *OLD MAN* WAS Mr. CASH.

OUCH. NOW *THAT* HURT!

RUMBLE IN GAMORRA!

YOU AND YOUR MATES MADE A BIG MISTAKE COMING HERE, YANK!

NOW IT'S TIME TO PAY THE PRICE!

ZZARRAAP

KRSSH

HOLEY -- I -- I'M STILL ALIVE!

GOOD THING I HAD SOME *SAND* IN MY BOOTS!

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CANNON! FLASHPOINT!

WE'RE *SUPPOSED* TO TAKE THEM INTO *CUSTODY!*

NOT *KILL* THEM!

THEY'RE WANTED FOR THE *MURDER* OF *MILES CRAVEN!*

THESE PEOPLE ARE *KILLERS*, FAHRENHEIT!

WE'RE JUST GIVING 'EM A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE!

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BESIDES, THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY *HELPING* THEMSELVES BY *RESISTING* ARREST!
DAMN! CANNON'S QUICK! DON'T LET HIM GET ANOTHER SHOT AT US, MAGGIE!
FOLLOWING YOUR LEAD! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO GET HIM INTO A *CROSSFIRE!*
WHRSSH
IT'S TIME TO PUT YOU *DOWN UNDER*, FLASH-DOINK!
AAAGH! STOP IT!
CAN'T GET A CLEAR SHOT!
FASSH
YOU'RE ONLY MAKING THIS MORE *DIFFICULT!* PLEASE, SURRENDER NOW!
Huh?!
YEEEOW! YOU -- YOU *MELTED* MY *ARMS!* TURNED 'EM INTO *GLASS!*
DON'T GET ALL BROKEN UP NOW, BOY!
LUCKY FOR YOU, I'VE GOT *OTHER* FISH TO FRY!
WHAK
THAK
THWAK
CANNON'S BLASTING ALL THE SAND FROM *UNDER* MY FEET!
WE'RE *HELPLESS!*

C'MON, KID! YOU GOTTA HAVE A *LITTLE FAITH* IN YOUR FRIENDS!
YOUR AMBUSH WORKED, Mr. CRAY. LOOKS LIKE WE CAUGHT THEM OFF-GUARD!

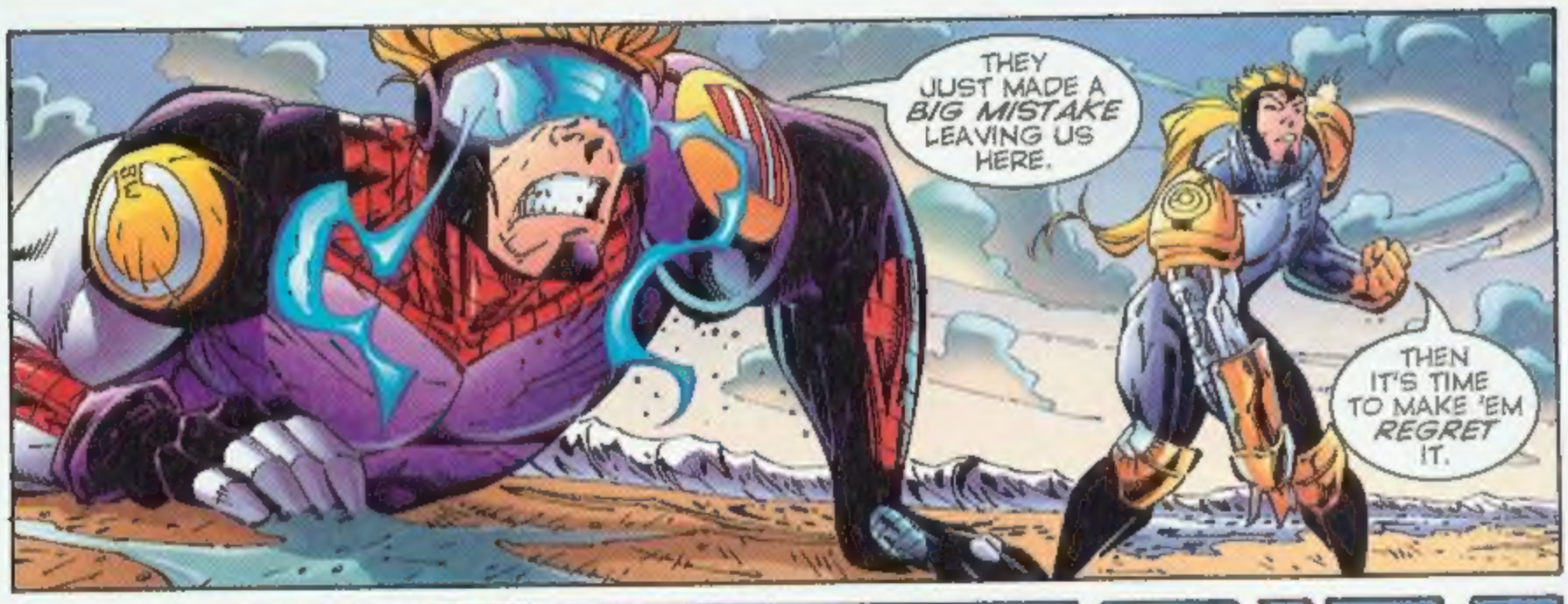
LET'S JUST SEE HOW *TOUGH* THESE GUYS REALLY ARE.
HOLD ON THERE, MATE! THIS AIN'T EXACTLY *FAIR* NOW, IS IT?

NOPE!
UNNGH!

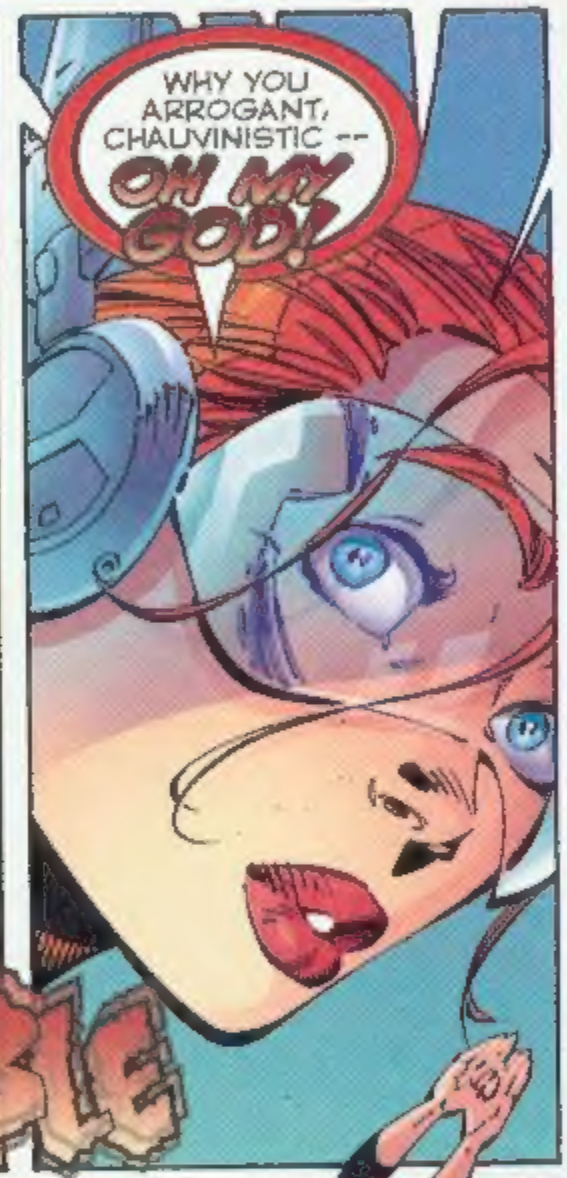
THEN AGAIN, WE'RE NOT PLAYING *GAMES!*
YEEARGH!

TIME TO USE SOME *MOJO* ON THE LAST ONE, LYNCH.
I JUST NEED TO *CHANNEL* INTO YOUR POWER, CRAY.
ARRGH!
LET'S BRING HER DOWN *EASY*.
GETTING *SOFT* ON ME?
SHE'S *NOT* OUR *ENEMY*.

YOU ALL RIGHT, KID?
ALIVE AND KICKIN', Mr. CRAY!
GIMME SOME SKIN!
ARE YOU OKAY, Mr. CA -- I MEAN, COLE?
I'LL BE...FINE. JUST LET ME CATCH MY BREATH.
ALL RIGHT, WE'VE MADE IT TO GAMORRA IN ONE PIECE, MORE OR LESS. NOW WE'VE GOT TO GET TO KAIZEN'S COMPOUND, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE KAIZEN'S GOT STORMWATCH COVERING HIS BUTT.
WHICH MEANS WE BETTER MOVE OUT BEFORE ANY REINFORCEMENTS GET HERE.
YOU'RE THE MAN WITH THE PLAN, MIKEY.
BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE THREE? WANT ME TO TAKE CARE OF 'EM?
JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE.
NO! THAT'S GOING TOO FAR. THEY WERE JUST DOING THEIR JOBS.
Mr. LYNCH IS RIGHT. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE ABOUT.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE GOOD GUYS. RIGHT?
...GIRLS...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE WHILE WE'VE STILL GOT THE CHANCE.
UNNNH! WHA -- WHAT HIT ME?!


THEY JUST MADE A BIG MISTAKE LEAVING US HERE.
THEN IT'S TIME TO MAKE 'EM REGRET IT.

GUYS! I THINK WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM HERE!
GET WITH THE PROGRAM, FAHRENHEIT! OR STAY OUT OF OUR WAY!
CUT THE SHEILA SOME SLACK, MATE.
Heh. ALWAYS SAID THIS WAS A MAN'S JOB.
RARRMMMMBBBLE


WHY YOU ARROGANT, CHAUVINISTIC -- OH MY GOD!

WHOOOOSH
CANNON! FLASHPOINT! WATCH OUT! THE EARTHQUAKE'S CREATED A TIDAL WAVE!
THE ONLY REAL WAVES ARE DOWN IN AUSTRALIA!
BESIDES, A LITTLE WATER NEVER HURT...

IDIOTS!
I'LL BE BACK WITH SOME HELP TO FISH YOU GUYS OUT!
KERSPLASH
...ANYONE -- GAARRGLE!

WELCOME TO KAHUNAS.

A POPULAR WATERING HOLE FOR THE SEAFARING RENEGADES WHO SEEK REFUGE IN GAMORRA FROM THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW.

HERE, THEY COME TO RELAX AND TRADE STORIES...

...BUT MOST OF ALL, DRINK.

OTHERS MERELY SEEK INFORMATION.

MY MAN SAID HE'D MEET US HERE, ALEX.

THIS PLACE IS A *DIVE*, LUCIUS!

YEAH, AIN'T IT *GREAT?*

BUT RIGHT NOW, IT'S TIME TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING *DOWN* ON GAMORRA.

I HOPE YOUR MAN'S *BETTER* AT GETTING *INTEL* THAN HE IS AT LOOKING *INCONSPICUOUS.*

LUCIUS? TOOK YOU *LONG* ENOUGH --

HEY! *WHO'S* THIS GUY?!

NONE OF YOUR *BUSINESS*, PIGMY. SO WHAT'S ALL THE *RUCKUS* ABOUT?

STORMWATCH HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE ISLAND.

NEWS SAYS IT'S ALL POLITICAL, BUT RUMORS ARE...

...SOME OF YER OLD *TEAM 7* BUDDIES DECIDED TO DROP BY AFTER THEY *KILLED* CRAVEN IN THE STATES.

CRAVEN'S *DEAD?* BUT WHY COME *HERE?*

CRAY FOUND OUT THAT KAIZEN'S BEEN MESSING WITH THE GEN-FACTOR. HE AND THE OTHERS COULD HAVE COME TO WIPE THE SLATE *CLEAN* --

-- ONCE AND FOR ALL.

KILL KAIZEN? THAT'S A *GOOD* ONE!

THAT'S EVEN *CRAZIER* THAN THE RUMOR ABOUT HIM HOLDING ONE OF THE TEAM 7 KIDS HOSTAGE!

BUT NOT AS CRAZY AS ME PLANTING YOU *SIX FEET UNDER.*

NOW WHERE DO I FIND THE *CHILD?!*

TA-- TAKE IT EASY, MAN!

"THE KID HAS *GOTTA* BE AT *KAIZEN'S COMPOUND.*"

WHAT'RE THOSE TWO *BABBLING* ABOUT?

WHAT DO THEY *WANT* WITH US?

POWER. ENOUGH TO DESTROY OUR WORLD.

AND *YOU* SHALL BE THE *MAN* TO GIVE IT TO ME, SIMON TSUNG.

RELEASE THE GIRL, KAIZEN. I'M THE *ONE* YOU WANT.

HANDLE'S *FREEFALL*, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I CAN TAKE CARE OF *MYSELF*, MISTER.

OH, YES, I'M *SURE* YOU CAN, Ms. FREEFALL.

YOU ARE ONE OF THE *GEN-13 GEN-ACTIVES*, YES?

PERHAPS YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND SIGMA, THE SOURCE OF THE GEN-FACTOR?

Hmm. CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?

I SHOULD TELL YOU THAT *NEURO-SCRAMBLER* ON YOUR HEAD DOES MORE THAN *NEUTRALIZE* YOUR POWERS.

IT IS ALSO A *USEFUL* INTERROGATION TOOL.

I AM BECOMING *IMPATIENT* WAITING FOR YOUR MASTER, SWORD.

DAMOCLES WILL ARRIVE IN HIS *OWN* TIME, KAIZEN.

BESIDES, YOU HAVE *YET* TO PRODUCE SIGMA.

I TOLD YOU, SWORD, WE HAVE *Dr. TSUNG*, THE MAN WHO *FIRST* DISCOVERED THIS SIGMA THAT YOU SEEK.

WITH A *LITTLE PERSUASION*, I'M SURE HE'LL TELL US WHERE WE CAN *FIND* HIM.

YOU'RE THE ONLY *TOOL* I SEE AROUND -- *AAGH!*

MY -- HEAD!

AND THAT'S THE *MILDEST* SETTING, MY DEAR.

STOP IT, KAIZEN!

THE GIRL DOESN'T *KNOW ANYTHING!*

OF COURSE NOT.

SHE WAS MERELY *INCENTIVE* FOR YOU.

UNNGH...

YOU SEE, CRAVEN WAS ALWAYS WARY OF YOUR NOBLE INTENTIONS CONCERNING THE GEN-FACTOR AND SO HE ASSIGNED GABRIEL NEWMAN TO PROJECT: GENESIS AS A MOLE.

THERE, GABRIEL OBTAINED GENETIC SAMPLES OF SIGMA BEFORE ADMIRAL CRAY TOOK YOU INTO HIDING.

WHEN CONGRESS CAUGHT WIND OF THE CABALLITO FIASCO, CRAVEN MADE AN ALLIANCE WITH ME AND TRANSFERRED SAMPLES OF THE SIGMA MATERIAL TO ME FOR SAFE-KEEPING.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, I'VE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL SINCE THEN, AND THE TIME IS SOON APPROACHING WHEN I SHALL PUT THAT KNOWLEDGE TO USE.

WHEN I FINALLY ACTIVATE MY GEN-OMEGA.

WHAT?! YOU'VE CREATED A CLONE OF THE SIGMA?!

YES! HOWEVER, THERE WAS ALWAYS A CERTAIN SPARK OF LIFE MISSING FROM IT.

BUT NOW THAT I HAVE THE GEN-FACTOR EXTRACTS FROM SOME OF THE ORIGINAL TEAM 7 MEMBERS, I'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO RE-ANIMATE HIM!

KAIZEN! NO! YOU -- YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

I'VE LEARNED ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT I AM ON THE THRESHOLD OF WIELDING THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE ON EARTH, AND THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO STOP ME --

BREEP
BREEP
BREEP
THE ALARM SYSTEM!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT SOME *MORE UNEXPECTED* GUESTS, KAIZEN.

LET'S SEE WHAT MY SENSORS ARE REGISTERING.
INTERESTING...

IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE MORE GEN-13 GEN-ACTIVES INSIDE MY COMPOUND.
THEIR *DISPLAY* OF FIREPOWER IS *IMPRESSIVE*. BUT WE'LL SEE HOW THEY DEAL WITH MY STATE-OF-THE-ART ORCA DROIDS.
WELL, WELL. WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

THEY'RE BEING LED BY IVANA BAIUL, HERSELF.
SHE *KNOWS* ABOUT THE GEN-OMEGA!
YOU MUST DESTROY IT, KAIZEN!
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

NO! YOU WANT IT *ALL* FOR *YOURSELF*, DON'T YOU?!
BUT I KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT I'M DOING!
WITH THE GEN-OMEGA'S POWER, GAMORRA WILL AT LAST ASSUME ITS *RIGHTFUL* PLACE IN THE *WORLD!*

AND THERE'S *NOTHING* YOU CAN DO TO *STOP* ME!

I THINK HE'S LOSING IT.
SILENCE!
I'M RECEIVING A TRANSMISSION FROM DAMOCLES.

WHAT DOES HE WANT US TO DO *NOW?*
PREPARE THE WAY FOR HIS *ARRIVAL*.
THEN WE WILL RETURN TO *FINISH* OUR BUSINESS WITH KAIZEN, ONCE AND FOR ALL.

WE *LEAVE* TO DO OUR MASTER'S BIDDING, KAIZEN *

BUT I WOULD *ADVISE* YOU TO FIND SIGMA BY THE TIME WE *RETURN*.

VVZZZNN

*Check out BACKLASH #19 for more details.

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON HERE DOC?

I'M AFRAID WE MAY BE WITNESSING...

" THE END OF THE WORLD "

UNITED NATIONS MOONWATCH COMMAND

MISSION DIRECTIVE: THE MINING OF VITAL MINERALS AND ORE NEARING EXHAUSTION ON EARTH

AND WHILE MOONWATCH PERSONNEL ARRIVE FROM EARTH BY WAY OF THE LUNAR SHUTTLE

THE SWORD USES HIS OWN UNIQUE POWER TO CREATE A DIMENSIONAL PORTAL TO TRANSPORT THE BOUNTY HUNTERS AND HIMSELF TO THE LUNAR SURFACE

VVZZZNN

THERE! THAT'S THE LAST OF THE SENSORS

HEY! IT JUST REGISTERED SOMETHING! CLOSE, TOO!

HOLY $#&@! BEHIND YOU!

HUH? THERE'S NO ONE OUT HERE --

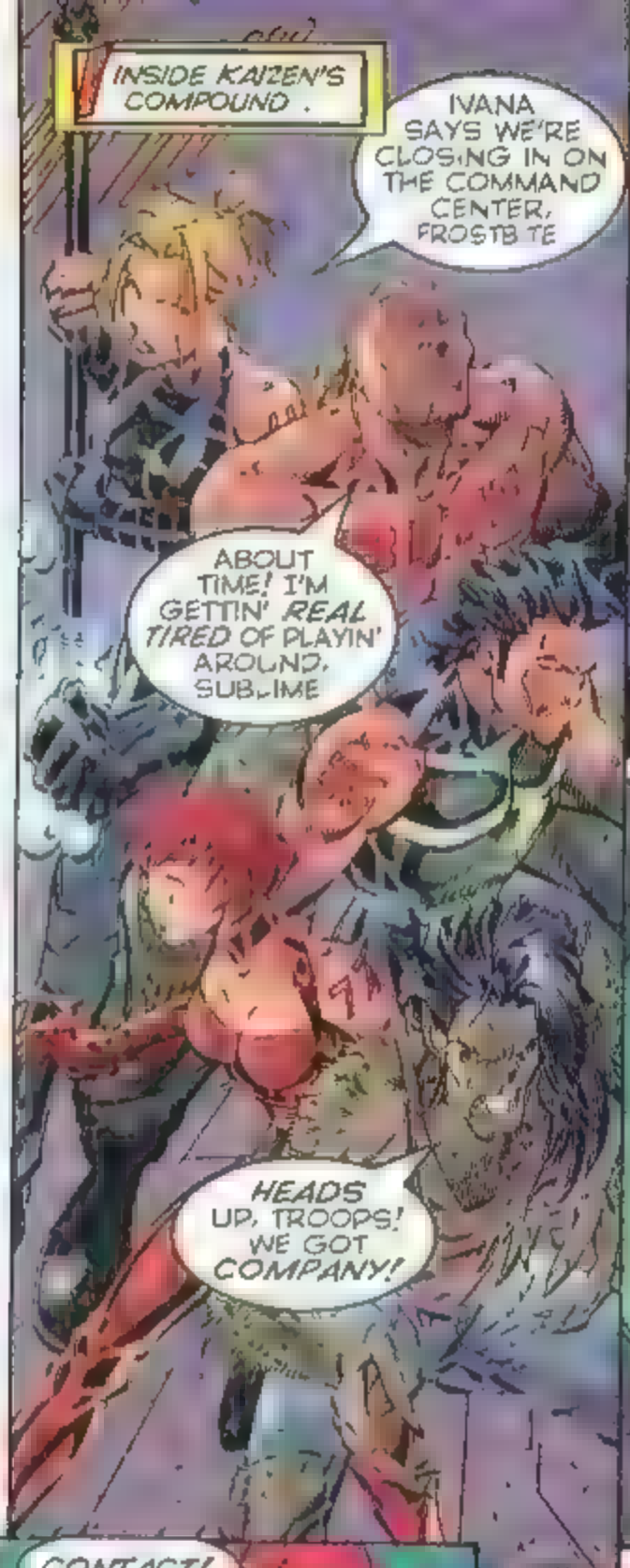
DISPOSE OF THEM

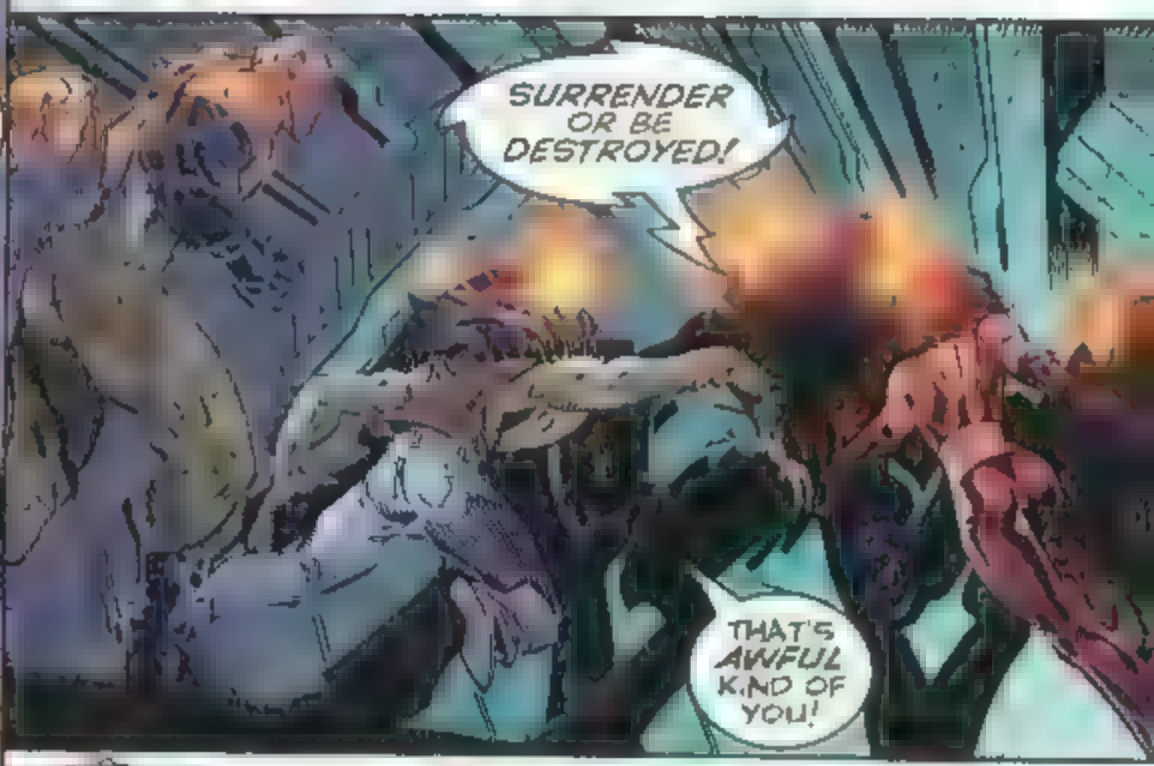
LIKE FISH IN A BARREL, BOSS

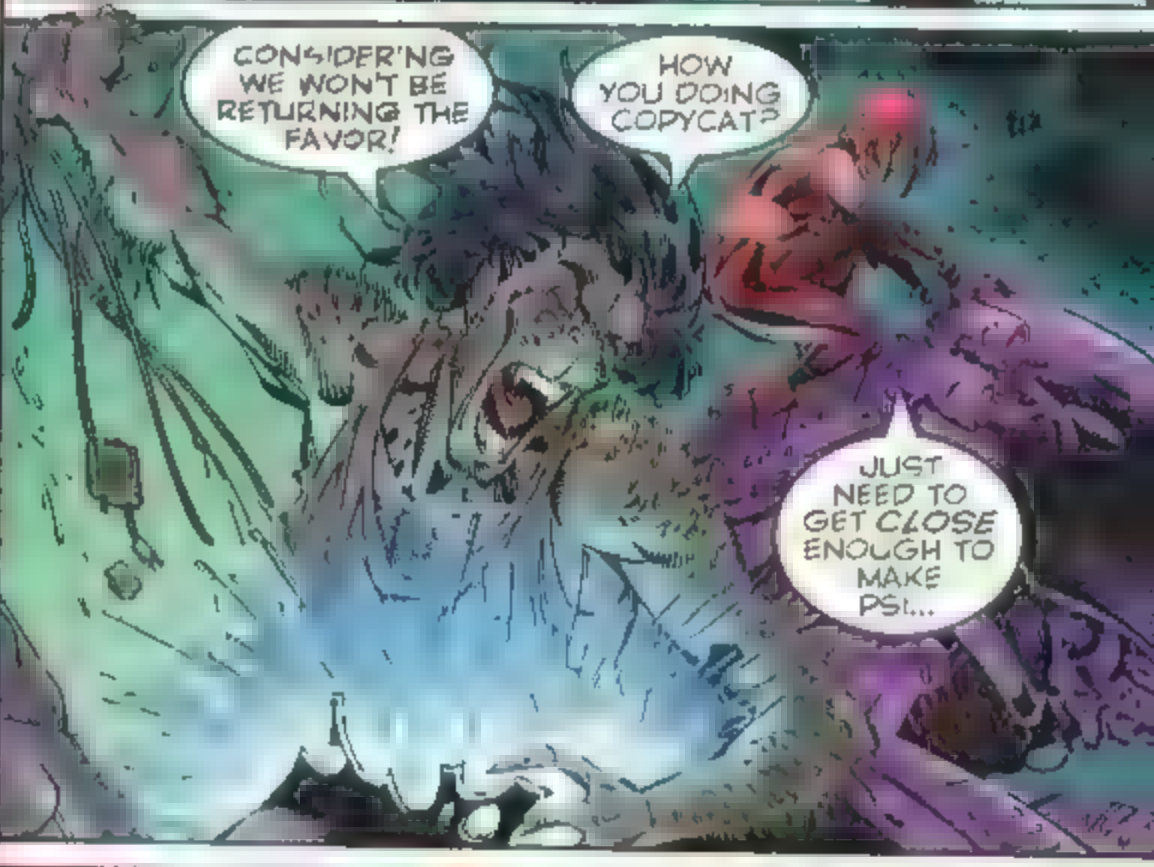
AARGH!

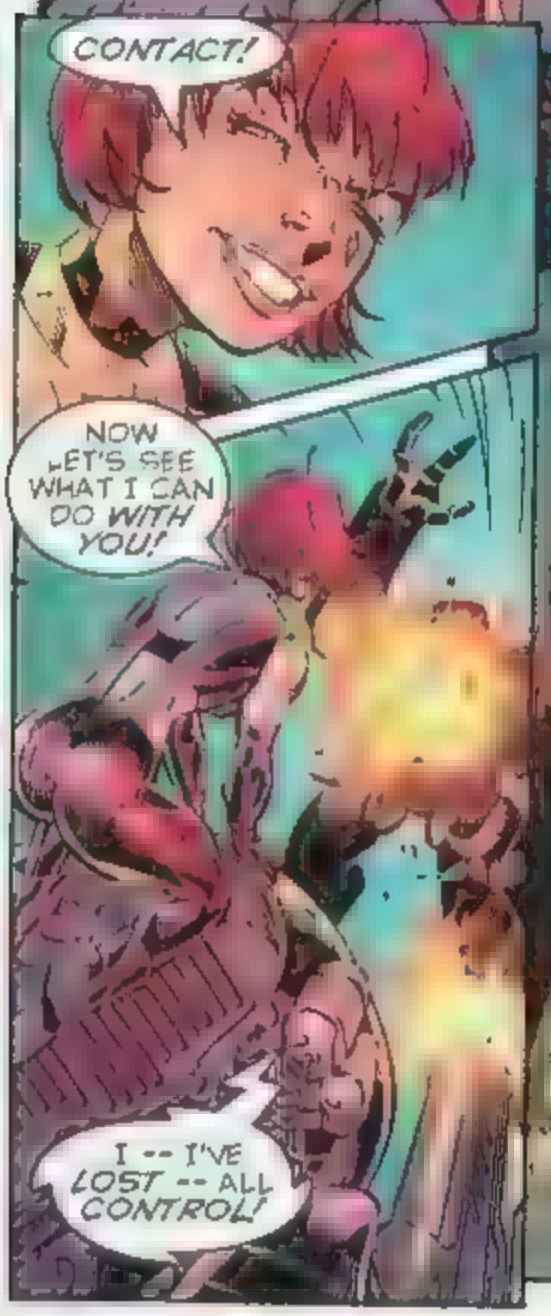
URRAH!

URRAH!


INSIDE KAIZEN'S COMPOUND .
IVANA SAYS WE'RE CLOSING IN ON THE COMMAND CENTER, FROSTBITE
ABOUT TIME! I'M GETTIN' REAL TIRED OF PLAYIN' AROUND, SUBLIME
HEADS UP, TROOPS! WE GOT COMPANY!

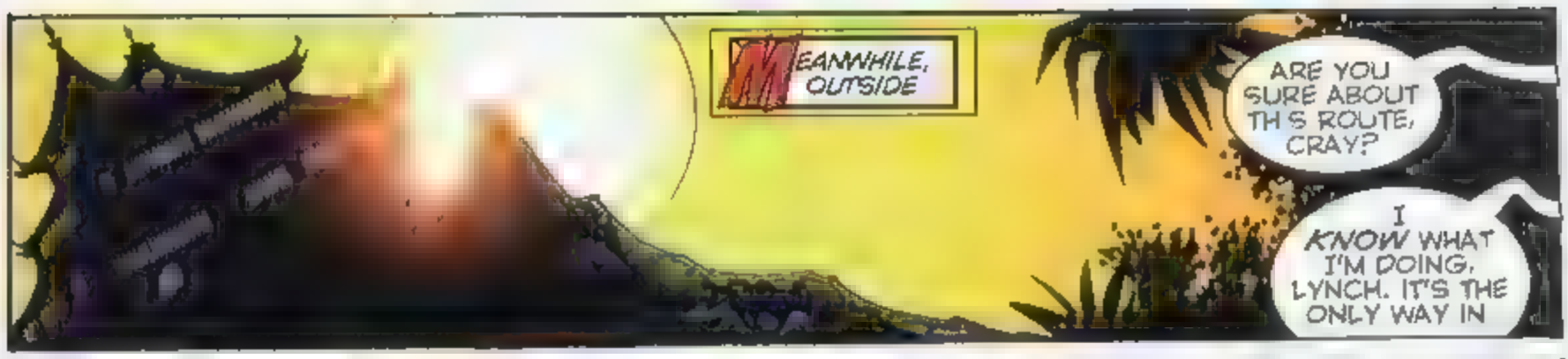

SURRENDER OR BE DESTROYED!
THAT'S AWFUL KIND OF YOU!

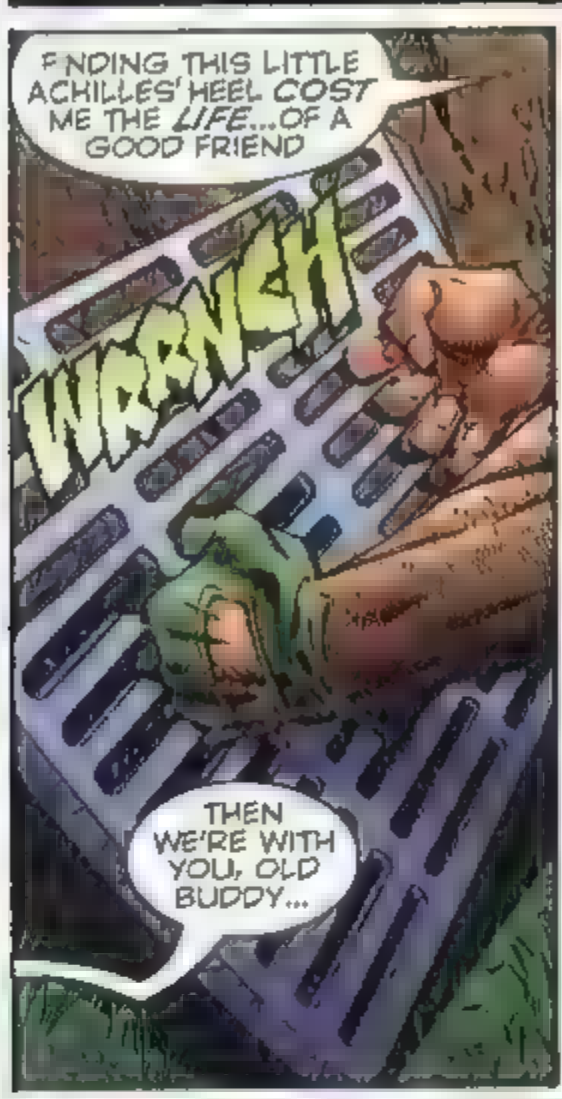

CONSIDERING WE WON'T BE RETURNING THE FAVOR!
HOW YOU DOING COPYCAT?
JUST NEED TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO MAKE PSI...


CONTACT!
NOW LET'S SEE WHAT I CAN DO WITH YOU!
I -- I'VE LOST -- ALL CONTROL!

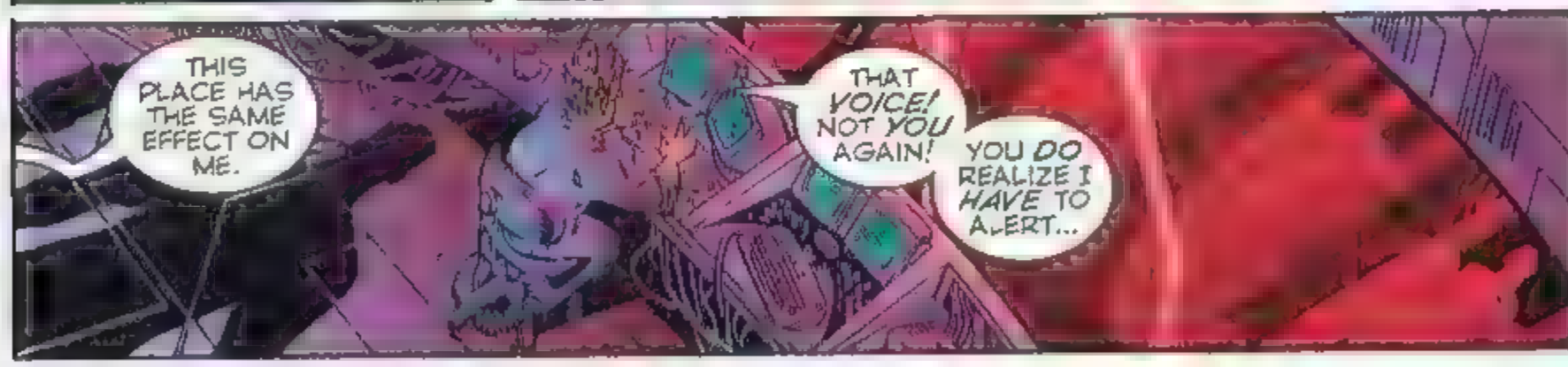
THAT'S IT, PENDEJO! HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOTS!
FOR THEY WILL ONLY MAKE ME STRONGER!
JUST STAY CLEAR OF ME POWERHOUSE
I'M GONNA GET REAL WARM ABSORBING ALL THIS AMBIENT HEAT

BUT I'M SAVING THE BIG MELTDOWN FOR THIS KAIZEN CLOWN!
WILL THEY BE A PROBLEM?
MERELY AN ANNOYANCE, LE GAUCHE
NONETHELESS, AN ADDITIONAL REASON TO INITIATE PROJECT RENAISSANCE AND..
.. ACTIVATE THE GEN-OMEGA!
KAGHUNG
PLEASE KA ZEN, YOU'RE MAKING A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT
TELL ME CHILD --
LOOK, MY NAME'S ROXY.
OF COURSE, PLEASE FORGIVE ME. TELL ME, ROXY, ARE THOSE YOUNG GEN-ACTIVES YOUR FRIENDS?
AS IF! THEY'RE MORE LIKE IVANA'S STORM TROOPERS!
THIS GUY NAMED Mr LYNCH RESCUED ME AND SOME OF MY FRIENDS FROM A PLACE CALLED PROJECT GENESIS BEFORE SHE COULD GET HER HANDS ON US
I'M JUST HOPING THAT IF IVANA'S HERE, THEN MY FRIENDS WON'T BE FAR BEHIND. SO SPILL THE BEANS, DOC WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? AND STICK TO THE SMALL WORDS
I AM WATCHING MY WORST NIGHTMARE COME TO LIFE.
YOU SEE, A MONSTER FROM MY DREAMS CALLED DAMOCLES IS COMING TO EARTH, ROXY.
AND IN HIS MAD QUEST, HE WILL DESTROY IT!
OUR ONLY HOPE OF STOPPING HIM MAY BE MY STEPSON ETHAN, THE SIGMA.
BUT UNLESS HE GETS HERE SOON, WE MAY ALL BE DOOMED


MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS ROUTE, CRAY?
I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, LYNCH. IT'S THE ONLY WAY IN

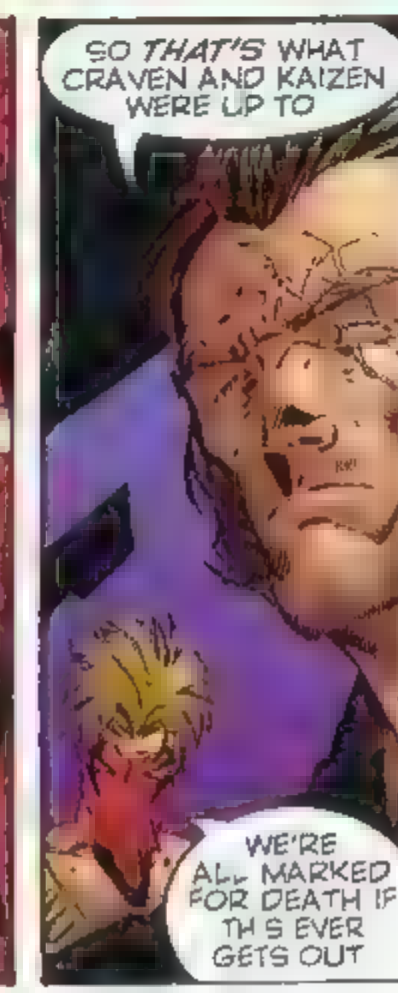

FINDING THIS LITTLE ACHILLES' HEEL COST ME THE LIFE...OF A GOOD FRIEND
WRENCH
THEN WE'RE WITH YOU, OLD BUDDY...

...YOU GOTTA TRUST THE MAN, LYNCH ALL WE'VE GOT IS EACH OTHER NOW.
Mr. CRAY... SOMETHING FEELS WRONG HERE
YOU'VE GOT GOOD INSTINCTS, KID


THIS PLACE HAS THE SAME EFFECT ON ME.
THAT VOICE! NOT YOU AGAIN!
YOU DO REALIZE I HAVE TO ALERT...

...SECURI --
WHAK
UNGH!
GET A CLUE, TECHNO-DWEEB!

OW! THAT KINDA HURT
THIS PLACE IS KAIZEN'S GEN-ACTIVE BODY BANK
HE CREATES THESE DORMANT CLONES IN ORDER TO USE THEIR BODY PARTS AS UNIVERSAL DONOR ORGANS A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER


SO THAT'S WHAT CRAVEN AND KAIZEN WERE UP TO
WE'RE ALL MARKED FOR DEATH IF THIS EVER GETS OUT

PROCEED WITH STAGE ONE
YES, SIR! INITIATING TRANSFER
TRANSFER GEN-OMEGA TO ME AT THE CONTAINMENT CHAMBER!

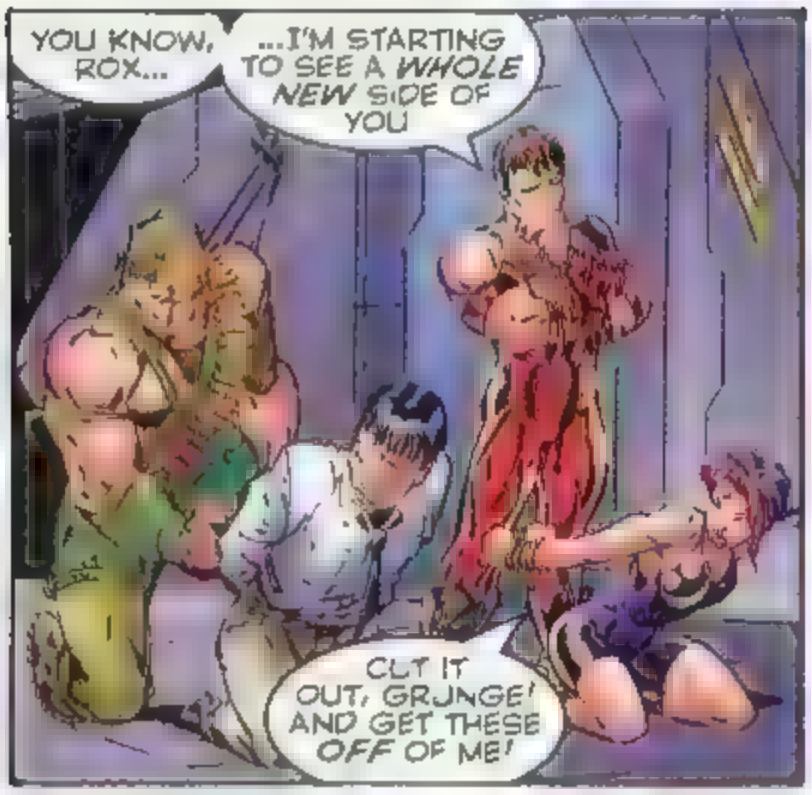
WE MUST DO SOMETHING!
PERSONALLY, I COULD USE A SMOKE RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
MY FRIENDS SUCK! THEY ALWAYS LEAVE ME HANG NG!

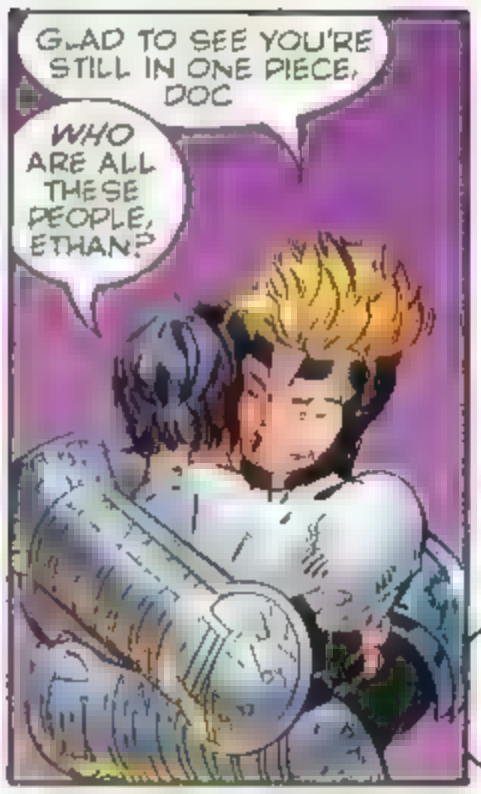
ACTUALLY, I AM HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE, Dr TSUNG.
YOU ARE PERHAPS THE ONLY MAN IN THE WORLD WHO CAN TRULY APPRECIATE MY ACHIEVEMENT

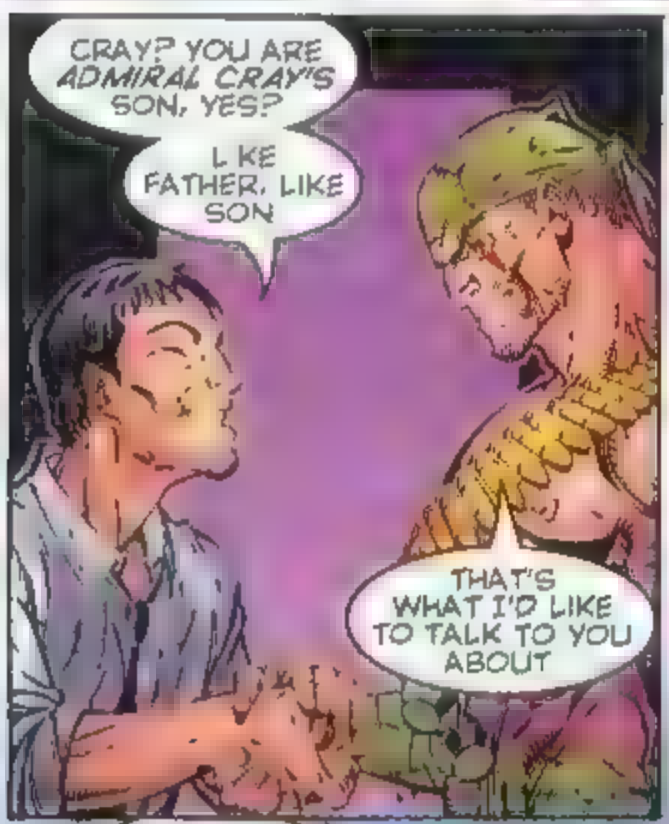
KABOOM
GET DOWN, CHILD!
AAGH!
WE'RE SO SCREWED! GAME OVER!

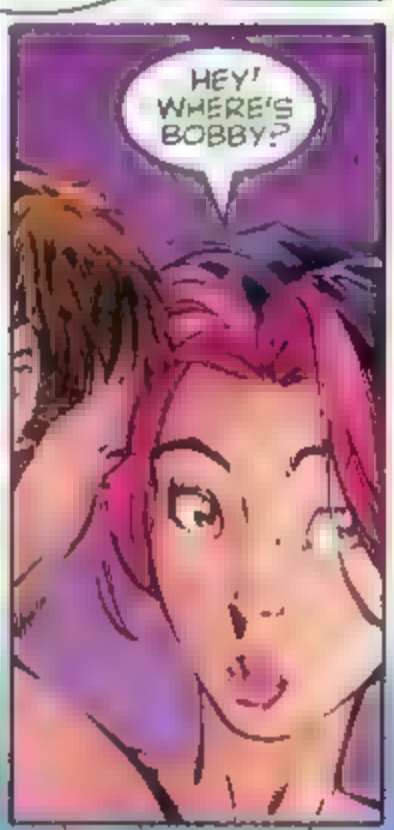
NICE PUNCH, CATLIN
ANY TIME, Mr CRAY!
THERE'S DOC!
AND ROXY!
I KNEW YOU GUYS WOULDN'T LET ME DOWN!
ETHAN!

LET'S MAKE THIS SHORT AND SWEET!
THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN OUR STYLE, LYNCH
AARGH!
CAN WE STOP WITH THE MACHO BANTER?
WHO INVITED HER ALONG?
THE REST OF THEM ARE RUNNING AWAY, Mr. CASH
FINE BY ME
MAN, I FEEL BEAT!
SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
SETTLE AN OLD SCORE WITH KAIZEN GAMORRA!
LOOK! ON THE SCREENS!
WELCOME BACK, Mr CRAY
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE ONLY WON A PYRRHIC VICTORY AT BEST
FOR I STILL HAVE A SPECIAL SURPRISE PLANNED FOR ALL OF YOU!
BASTARDS!
AND BY THE WAY, Mr. Le GAUCHE SENDS HIS REGARDS
THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT TO HIDE, KAIZEN! I'LL FIND YOU AND Le GAUCHE IF I HAVE TO TEAR APART THIS ENTIRE ISLAND!
THEN THE TWO OF YOU WILL BE JOINING CRAVEN IN HELL!









PROBABLY HIDING, ROXANNE, IF HE'S SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR HIM.

HELLO, JACK!

I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU ALL TOGETHER AGAIN

IT MAKES KILLING YOU ALL SO MUCH EASIER.

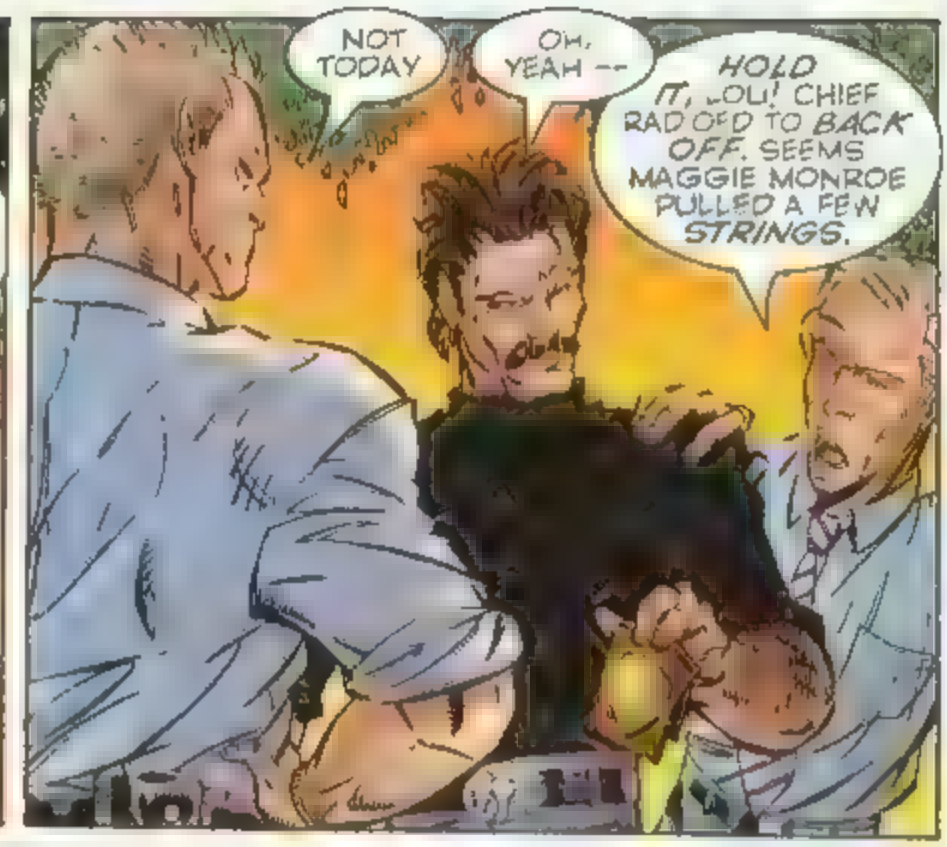
THESE GUYS DON'T LOOK SO TOUGH, EVO

THEN WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR?

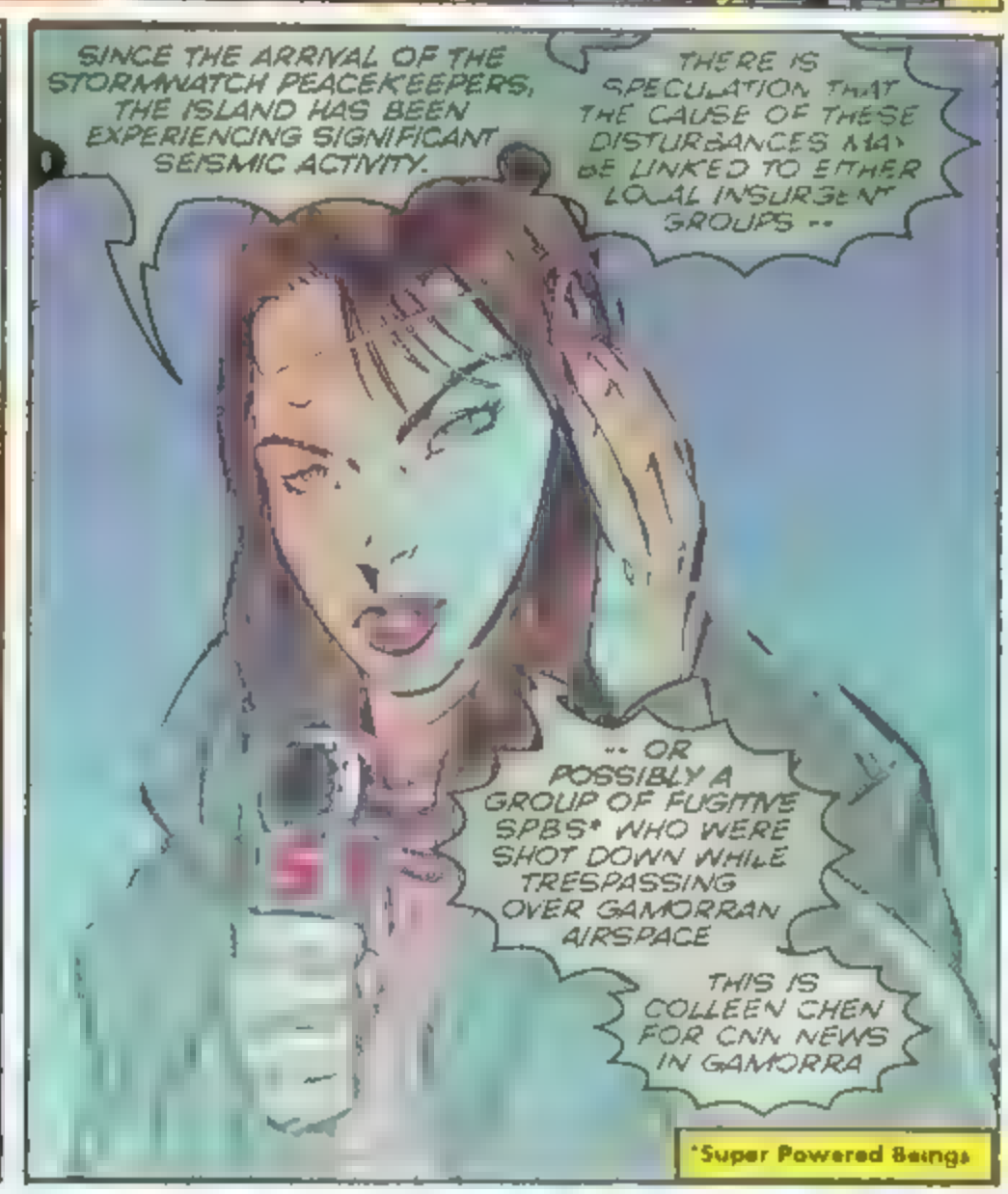
ELSEWHERE
ANY SIGHT OF THE FUGITIVES FROM THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT?
NEGATIVE, CONTROL! THIS SECTOR IS CLEAR! WE'RE MOVING ON!
DAMN! THEY ALMOST STEALTHED US BARELY HEARD THEM COMING
WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT TO KAIZEN'S PLACE ALIVE.
WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET!
LISTEN TO THE GIRL! YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
SURRENDER TO ME AND I'LL LET YOU LIVE
MAYBE DROIDED INTO MY PERSONAL BODYGUARDS.
YOU TAKE US TO KAIZEN'S PLACE...
...OR I TURN YOUR @$$ INTO A FIERY DIVERSION FOR THOSE CHOPPERS
...
AS YOU WISH
BOBBY..
...WOULD YOU REALLY HAVE DONE IT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, JODI?
THIS AIN'T NO GAME

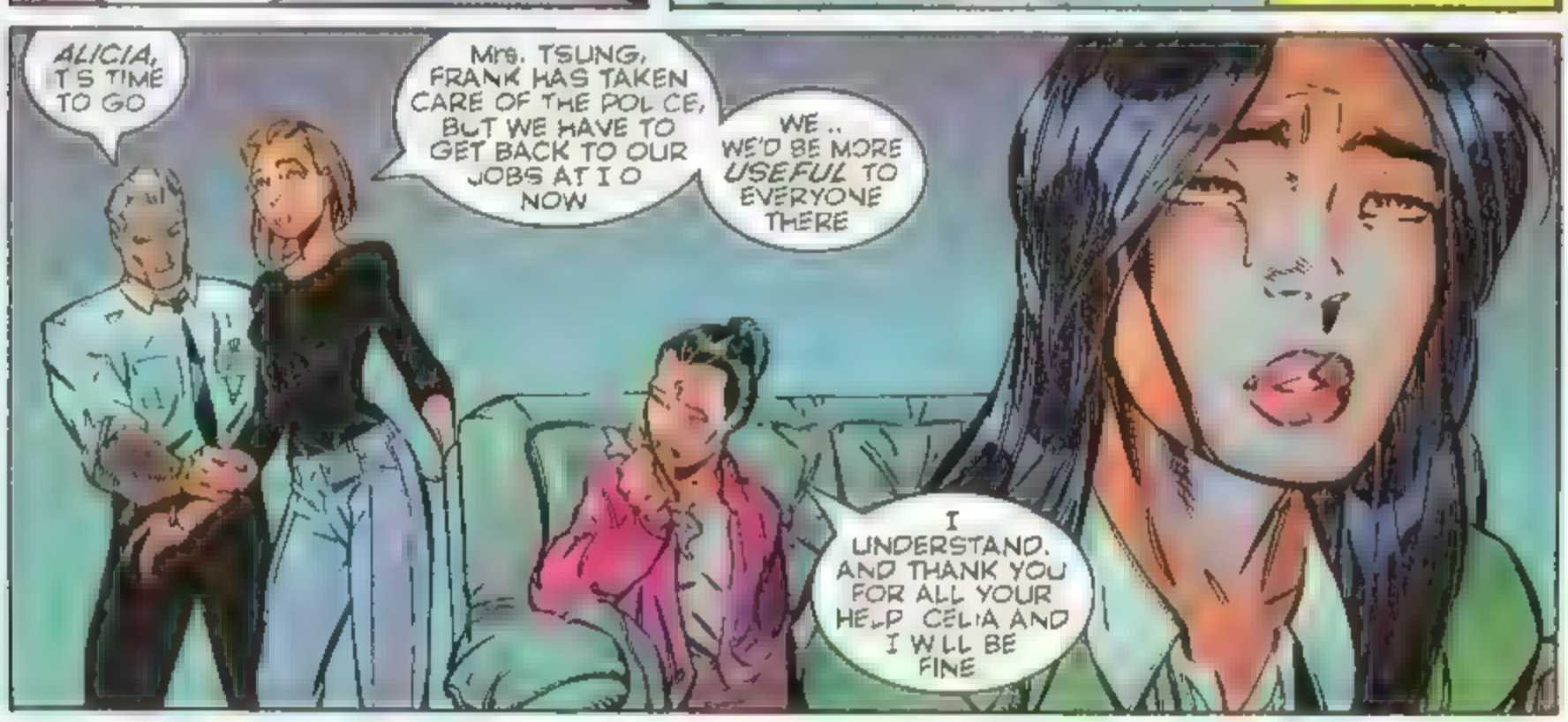
BACK IN BERKELEY
I'M TELLING YOU FOR THE LAST TIME, Mr COLBY GET OUT OF MY WAY

THIS IS A NATIONAL SECURITY MATTER, SERGEANT PARIS
IN MY JURISDICTION, BUD THAT MAKES IT MY BUSINESS


NOT TODAY
OH, YEAH --
HOLD IT, LOU! CHIEF RADFORD TO BACK OFF. SEEMS MAGGIE MONROE PULLED A FEW STRINGS.

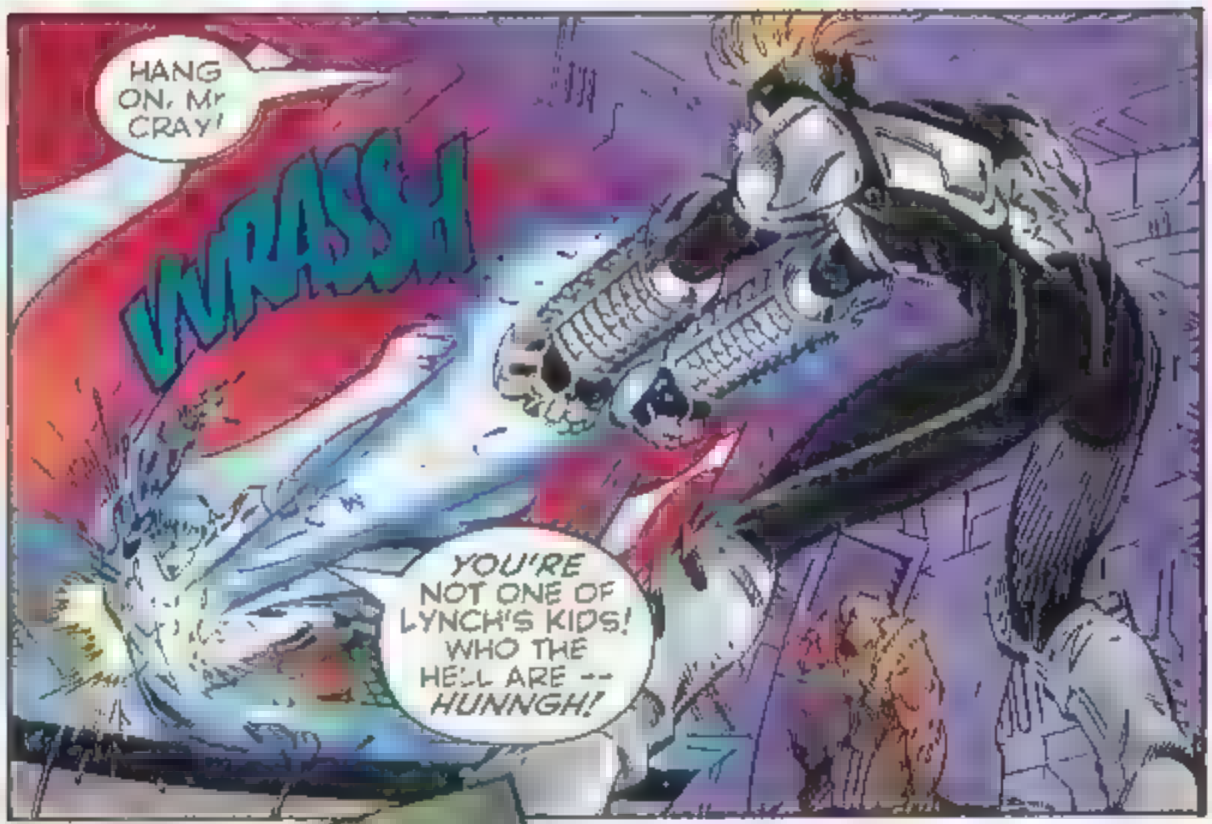
INSIDE
TRY NOT TO WORRY, Mrs TSUNG. I'M SURE EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS Ms TURNER
LOOK! ANOTHER REPORT FROM GAMORRA


SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE STORMWATCH PEACEKEEPERS, THE ISLAND HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING SIGNIFICANT SEISMIC ACTIVITY.
THERE IS SPECULATION THAT THE CAUSE OF THESE DISTURBANCES MAY BE LINKED TO EITHER LOCAL INSURGENT GROUPS --
-- OR POSSIBLY A GROUP OF FUGITIVE SPBS* WHO WERE SHOT DOWN WHILE TRESPASSING OVER GAMORRAN AIRSPACE
THIS IS COLLEEN CHEN FOR CNN NEWS IN GAMORRA
*Super Powered Beings


ALICIA, IT'S TIME TO GO
Mrs. TSUNG, FRANK HAS TAKEN CARE OF THE POLICE, BUT WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO OUR JOBS AT I.O. NOW
WE .. WE'D BE MORE USEFUL TO EVERYONE THERE
I UNDERSTAND. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP CELIA AND I WILL BE FINE

BACK ON GAMORRA
AARRGH! CA-CAN'T THINK!
KREEE
EVERYONE SAID YOUR GEN-FACTOR NEVER MANIFESTED, CRAY LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE WRONG OTHERWISE YOUR HEAD SHOULD'VE POPPED LIKE A BALLOON BY NOW.
BUT THAT MAKES IT ALL THE MORE INTERESTING NOW IT'S TIME TO FIND OUT JUST HOW MUCH OF THAT TEAM 7 LEGEND IS TRUE.
DON'T FIGHT IT, BABY! I'LL MAKE IT QUICK AND PAINLESS!
MSSH
BET YOU SAY THAT TO ALL THE GIRLS!
PROBLEM IS THEY REALLY DO END UP FRIGID!
LOOK, I HATE DOING THIS, BUT --
DON'T I GET A LAST REQUEST?
Uh, SURE WHAT?
JUST THIS!
Hmmm?! Mmmm!
HEY!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?!
MY BODY'S --
UNDER MY CONTROL NOW
THAT'S IT! WORK THAT BOOTIE!

DAMN! SHOTS ARE ALL GOING THROUGH HER -- UNNGH!
THE TRICK IS HITTING THE RIGHT PART OF ME AT THE RIGHT TIME, OLD MAN
OH NO YOU DON'T, VANA MR LYNCH WARNED US ABOUT YOUR CYBERNETIC SUPPLEMENTS!
BACK OFF, WOLFY-BOY BEFORE I TURN YOU INTO A TROPHY FOR MY WALL!
GO AHEAD AND SHOOT! YOU'LL KILL HIM BEFORE YOU KILL ME!
WE'RE NOT THE ENEMY, KID!
AAGH! MY ARM!
HUUNGH!
LISTEN TO ME! YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE BEING USED!
BUT I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO EXPLAIN IT ALL TO YOU RIGHT NOW
THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOCKED ME OUT WITH THAT FIRST PUNCH, HERMOSA.
BECAUSE YOU HAVE JUST MADE ME AS POWERFUL AS YOURSELF
AARGH!


HANG ON, Mr CRAY!
VVRASSH
YOU'RE NOT ONE OF LYNCH'S KIDS! WHO THE HE'LL ARE -- HUNNGH!

NICE WORK, SON YOU'RE GETTING TO BE AN OLD HAT AT THIS HERO STUFF
ACTUALLY, DOC DESERVES ALL THE CREDIT.

LATER
SUDDENLY FEEL WEAK! LIKE SOMETHING'S DRAINING ..ALL MY POWER!
THE GEN-OMEGA! IT MUST BE ABSORBING YOUR GEN-FACTOR POWER!
JUST LIKE, .THE GUY, . N MY... DREAMS.
THEN LET'S GET TO THAT CONTAINMENT CHAMBER BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
CRAY! WAIT! NOT LIKE THAT!
YEEARGH!
PLAY DEAD, F DO!
AND GET WITH THE PROGRAM, LYNCH. THIS IS A FIGHT, NOT A GARDEN PARTY.

YES!
THE GEN-OMEGA HAS ABSORBED ALL THE GEN-FACTOR EXTRACTS.
SO WHY'S IT STILL MAKING LIKE A CORPSE?

THE BRAIN PATTERN STILL HAS YET TO BE IMPRINTED ON THE GEN-OMEGA.
ONCE THAT IS COMPLETE, IT SHOULD GAIN CONSCIOUSNESS.

STRANGE. STILL NO ACTIVITY.
IF THE IMPRINT DOESN'T TAKE HOLD SOON, THE GEN-OMEGA WILL DIE.

CRACK
THEN YOU'LL BE NEXT IN LINE, KAIZEN.
THE BOSS WOULD'VE WANTED IT THAT WAY.

BLIP
IT'S ALIVE!

THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
I-- I CAN FEEL HIM CLOSE BY, DOC.
THIS MUST BE THE CONTAINMENT CHAMBER JUST AHEAD OF US.
IT'S GOING TO BE FINE, ETHAN. WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU.
YEEARGH!
HEAD -- FEELS LIKE -- IT'S -- SPLITTING APART!

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!
THE GEN-OMEGA CONTAINMENT CHAMBER.
I CAN FEEL IT GROWING *STRONGER* IN THERE!
WHICH COULD *ONLY* MEAN THAT YOU ARE THE *SIGMA*.
I OWE *YOU* A DEBT OF *GRATITUDE*, YOUNG MAN, FOR PROVIDING ME WITH THE NECESSARY BUILDING BLOCKS TO *CREATE* MY NEW *ADAM*.
THE FIRST OF A NEW RACE OF SUPER-HUMANS.
YOU SEE, I NOW CONTROL THE MEANS BY WHICH TO ESCAPE *DECREPITUDE*...
...AND *DEATH!*
KA-CHUNG
BY WAY OF THE *ULTIMATE* HOST BODY FOR THOSE SELECT FEW...
FSSSSH
...WHO SEEK UNIMAGINABLE *POWER* AND *IMMORTALITY!*
WHOOSH
YESSSS...
OMIGOD! IT IS HIM, DOC!
AT LAST, WE MEET AGAIN, *SIMON*. DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD *GET AWAY* FROM ME?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THEY SAID YOU WERE *DEAD!*
PERHAPS I *WAS* FOR A TIME, SIMON TSUNG.

BUT THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR WORK, I'M BETTER NOW.
SO MUCH BETTER!
BUT I'M AFRAID THE SAME CAN'T BE SAID FOR THE THREE OF YOU.
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FOR YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO DIE AT THE HANDS OF THE REBORN MILES CRAVEN!
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